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North Dakota Department of Health Launches Materials Exchange Website

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health today announced the launch of FreeME, a material exchange website designed to help reduce the volume of usable materials disposed of in landfills across the state. The website is located at www.ndhealth.gov/freeme.

The site is designed to help businesses, organizations and individuals give away unwanted or unused items that may otherwise be discarded in a landfill. Likewise, the site will help people find free items that they can use. Items that may be listed for exchange include household items such as patio furniture; unused construction materials such as sheet rock or insulation; and old electronic equipment such as computers.

“Unused and reusable materials frequently are thrown in the trash because they are considered old or unwanted, or because they are taking up too much storage space,” said Kent Belland, pollution prevention coordinator for the North Dakota Department of Health. “Although these items are unwanted, they may be a valuable resource to someone else. The FreeME web service will help connect people who have reusable items with those who can use them.”

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